

THE TIMES DAILY MAGAZINE PAGE

Woman's Wiles As Potent Under New Psychology As Of Yore; Friction Is Less

Bessie M. Fouts Hails the New Mother and Believes Love, Pity, Folly and Remorse Are Still With Us.

To the Editor of THE MAGAZINE PAGE:

LOVE, pity, folly, remorse: are these characteristics, so familiar to our race, to pass from our midst? Winifred Black, judging from her recent article in *The Times*, evidently fears so, lays the blame upon our modern study of analytics and shivers apprehensively at the disagreeable sound of the word "psychology."

You tell us that the way to cure our husbands who have formed the stay-away habit and crave excitement is to become like them and follow in their footsteps. This is not the modern way. The time has passed when women did all the yielding, and I am indeed glad that it has, glad that our modern girl is studying human nature, whether she call it psychology or not, and learning that the way to keep her husband by her side is not to spend her life gallivanting around at his heels trying to keep up with his various moods and fancies, but by recognizing her own right to a few moods and fancies, and teaching him to respect them as she does his.

Practice Our Arts.

Common sense: Let us have it by all means, and what is psychology but common sense up to date, pray tell, teaching us to use our sixth sense intelligently and conscientiously? It is the word "psychology" you are objecting to, Winifred Black, and here I do not blame you; let us study psychology by all means, we women, but let us keep it back and to ourselves and continue to practice our arts upon men as of yore.

Three-Minute Journey

By TEMPLE MANNING.

IN the interior of China there are no fences. The land lies open as a desert, even where every foot of ground is cultivated. This, of course, makes it hard to keep cattle out of fields and most difficult, indeed, to protect a ripening crop from its natural enemies—human as well as animal.

The reason for the lack of fences is not due to the exceptional honesty of the Chinese. The Chinese are honest, of course, but the poverty of the very lowest inland dwellers makes the safety of a ripening crop precarious indeed. Life for them is hard, the barest of living is even sometimes impossible to come by, here they steal and the choicest booty is food.

When harvest time draws near organized bands of crop stealers prey upon the ripening grains the hard-working farmers have brought to perfection. They make it necessary for the farmer to organize his helpers into crop-watchers. In some districts "crop-watching societies" exist, whose business it is to provide professional "crop-watchers" where and when they are required.

Scarcely fifty miles inland China possesses its watch-tower. Here watchmen sit day after day as the harvest approaches, through all the long hours of the twenty-four. Not for one instant is the crop left unwatched. When there is not a professional crop-watcher to be had the farmer's wife takes up the duty. Seated in the tower she knits and spins—with the old-fashioned spinning wheel makes the sole of her husband's shoes.

But, work as hard as the watchmen may, he must ever keep his eyes upon the crop. Some of the thieves take pride in stealing the best of a crop from under the watchmen's very noses. That this is done there can be no doubt. I have even heard a missionary tell of the repentant crop thief who was kind to have work that he might not be hungry, but sometimes sighed for the lost sport of the thieving.

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Question Box

Dear Sir: Kindly inform me if there has been a change in the calendar. Did the week ever start on any other day except Sunday? If there has been a change, in what way?

A SUBSCRIBER.

There have been two important changes in the calendar. The first, in 1582, changed the Julian calendar, providing for three years of 365 days each, to be followed by a year of 366 days, and establishing lengths of the months as now. This remained in force until 1582, when Pope Gregory XIII established the Gregorian calendar, effective October 5 of that year, which dropped ten days, accumulated by the fact that the Julian year was too long by 11 minutes and 14 seconds. It fixed the present method of establishing leap year.

This calendar was not introduced into England or her colonies until the passage of the calendar amendment act in 1752, by which time an additional day had been accumulated. The act provided that September 3, 1752, should become September 14, and that New Year should begin on January 1, 1753, instead of on March 25. Russia and Greece never adopted the Gregorian calendar, and hence there is now a difference of thirteen days in their calendar from that of other countries.

So far as we can ascertain there has been no change in considering Sunday as the first day of the week. It was established as the Christian Sabbath by Constantine in 321 A. D.

Was Too Flighty.

Tommy was a very flighty mother, when she suddenly noticed that he was eating his apple with his teaspoon. Tommy had, she reported him, "you shouldn't eat with a spoon."

"But, mamma, I must," replied the youngster firmly. "I must eat with a spoon. No dear, you must not. Put it on your head."

Chicago News.

Fight for Minimum Wage to Engage Efforts Of Consumers' League, Says New Secretary

Miss Z. Falk, In Personal Interview, Tells of Past Performances and Present Hopes For the League.

DURING the past two or three weeks, one has only to glance through the current events columns of the newspapers to discover that Miss Z. S. Falk, the new secretary of the Consumers' League, is going to give a speech on the minimum wage, or has given a speech on the minimum wage, or is quoted as an authority on the minimum wage.

"New secretary" and "minimum wage" are Miss Falk's twin identification marks, but when one sees her firmly enunciated at her desk in the Consumers' League headquarters, there is a distinct impression that she is not as very new at the secretarial business, after all.

She is a golden-brown, optimistic, efficient person, is the new secretary. As she talks she has a habit of leaning on her elbows and eating incessantly at her fingers as in a way that might be embarrassing if one had a guilty conscience. Also, she has a feminine friend who, if properly coaxed, will supply certain intimate details concerning Miss Falk's achievements, past and present.

Fortunately for the interviewer, the friend was in an approachable mood, and the interview speedily became a trio, with the contrasts carried by Miss Falk and contrasted by the friend, with a steady accompaniment by a magazine page reporter.

The opening number was sung by Miss Falk.

"Would you care to know that I went to Bryn Mawr?" she caroled, hanging up her hat and coat, a bit off-stage.

"Certainly I should," responded the accompanist.

"An arm to the contrary friend followed."

"She probably won't tell you that she simply radiates enthusiasm and has work for the uplift of humanity in everything she does," she contradicted.

"And I come from Savannah, Ga.," proceeded the antiphonal.

"But she's awfully enthusiastic over the work here," chanted the friend.

"What have you done between the time of your graduation and the present?" inquired the accompanist.

"Long experience has shown that college graduates of the female persuasion are reticent upon bridging the gap between the date when they secured their degrees and the present. They usually dispose of the intervening years by saying, 'Since I left college...'"

Miss Falk chuckled her version a bit, however.

"I have come from three years of social service at home," she responded amiably. By home, he it



PHOTO BY BUCK.

MISS Z. FALK.

understood, she meant her home town. "I worked with an organization that is connected with the Associated Charities. It is called the League for Friendly Service. During those three years we started recreation centers in three schools, a day nursery, a visiting nurses' association, and dental clinics, in addition to managing a number of clubs and classes for working women."

"New secretary," indeed! Having disposed thus succinctly of the past, the trio passed, by unanimous consent, to a rehearsal for the future. In this case, however, it was a duet between Miss Falk and the interviewer. The new secretary proceeded briskly.

"As soon as we get the decision on the constitutionality of the Oregon minimum wage law, we will be ready with a bill asking for a

minimum wage commission for the district. This commission shall be empowered to appoint wage boards to investigate all industries and present data giving the lowest amount each trade should pay its employees 'as well as the amount necessary for a living wage.'"

"This commission will be made in the case of the inefficient worker and the inexperienced as well. Apprentices are also to be included in the studies of the committee."

In December we expect to publish an account of the results of research made by the boys of the Catholic University during the past year on the cost of living in the District. These are being collected at present. While they are not conclusive, of course, they are indicative of conditions here."

Miss Falk paused to inquire if she could talk any more. It appeared she planned her elbows now and began again.

I am much interested in the results of the Hotchkiss case, for it is one of the first tests of the eight-hour law in the District. The Hotchkiss woman was arraigned on a charge of keeping girls at work in her dressing room, more than eight hours a day and of further violating the law by keeping no placard of rules posted in her establishment.

"Did you know that an appeal to the Supreme Court has already been refused, the contention being that the case is purely a local one to be decided by local courts? I think it will be but a short time before a national eight-hour day law is passed. Surely the National Consumers' League is giving the matter its whole-hearted support. It has already come out openly in defense of the law as passed in California—the only organization to do such a thing."

I am particularly interested to see how many stores can be persuaded to carry goods with the Consumers' League label. There are

many such stores already and I hope, by personally interviewing the managers, to increase that number during the winter. Later I shall publish the list of shops handling such goods. The demand for sweat-shop made goods gives an excuse for the supply of such goods and as soon as people learn that they can buy goods made under hygienic conditions they should be quick to lay them.

I have discovered more than once that many women who would sympathize with the Consumers' League in its work for increased pay and better working conditions are afraid of their bosses and won't join or even give their support. I find it difficult to persuade them that they will surely be the gainers if a minimum wage law is passed.

I find that my work here continues to overlap with that of the child labor commission. They take care of the welfare of the children, while our particular sphere is the welfare of the women. I expect to do even more work with children and the study of childhood, for I have been elected a member of the Children's Council.

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Answers To Health Questions

By DR. L. K. HIRSHBERG.

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I. S. H.—Will you please advise me of a cure that is absolutely safe for reducing fat? I have medical research discovered any medicine that will perform this miracle to the uncomfortable superfluous weight without dieting?

It is yet to be found. The honors have heretofore gone to dieting and exercise, swimming and dancing. Dancing, I think, is a wonderful remedy for this "fat" problem, and note the good results in a few months. Avoid all sweets, pastries, rich, starchy, greasy, oily, and highly seasoned foods.

Distressed—Seid, stamped, addressed envelope for reply.

E. T. L.—In an eye called a limb as mentioned in accident insurance policy by the medical profession and courts? Please let me know because my child lost an eye on a travel ticket which reads for a lost limb \$2,500.

Eyes are not limbs, and are covered by a special clause in your policy.

PERSONAL ADVICE.

Readers desiring advice should remember:

1. To address inquiries to Dr. L. K. Hirschberg, care of The Washington Times.
2. To enclose a stamped and addressed envelope if a personal reply is desired.

Not a Booklover.

After spending the summer in a mountain hamlet in Tennessee, the visitor hired a native to help pack up. As they were engaged in boxing a shelf of books the mountain man remarked:

"Somehow Ah nevah keered much for books; but," he resumed after a thoughtful pause, "Ah can't read an' mebbe that had sumthin' to do with it." Exchange.

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The Best Dressed Frenchwoman



MME. RAIMONDE FERNANDEZ.

Wife of the former Mexican ambassador to France, has won the distinction of being acclaimed the best dressed woman in Paris. In the picture, which was taken upon her recent arrival in this country as sponsor to a fashion show for the aid of destitute French women and children, she is wearing a smart costume of black velvet with ruff and muff of skunk, while the pink edge of the drop-skirt peeps out demurely at the hem of the skirt.

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